## Abstract of the Disclosure

## MEDIA COMPOSER INCLUDING POINTER-BASED DISPLAY OF SEQUENTIALLY STORED SAMPLES

Method and apparatus for selecting samples for presentation on an output device, such as a display or speaker, from a sequence of stored media samples, such as audio or video information. Position information is received from a pointing device, such as a mouse, and translated into direction and magnitude information. A second sample is then retrieved based on this position and magnitude information. This method may be used to implement jog or shuttle controls for a media composer, which may be provided with simulated "inertia" for ease of use.